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Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuing patent application of:

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Enclosed are:

- ☒ 72 pages of specification, 2 pages of claims, an abstract and Application Data Sheet.
- ☒ 21 sheet(s) of drawings:
- ☒ 1 page of an Oath or Declaration (unsigned)

**Note:** Applicant has submitted claims which correspond exactly or substantially to claims 3-10 and 13-14 of U.S. Patent 6,094,483, which issued to Research Foundation of State University of New York on July 25, 2000. The present application claims priority to dates before the priority date of the Research Foundation of State University of New York.

## Continuing Application

- ☒ Continuation
- Prior Application Number: 09/338,995, filed June 24, 1999
- Examiner A. Johns
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For	Claims filed	FILING FEE		Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
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Independent Claims	2	3	=	-0-	\$80.00	-0-
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- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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